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For: VESSEL HARVESTING RETRACTOR
WITH ELECTROSURGICAL
PLUNGER

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Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

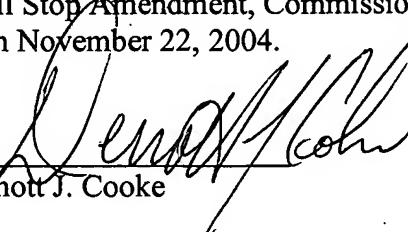
Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2004.
Entry and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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